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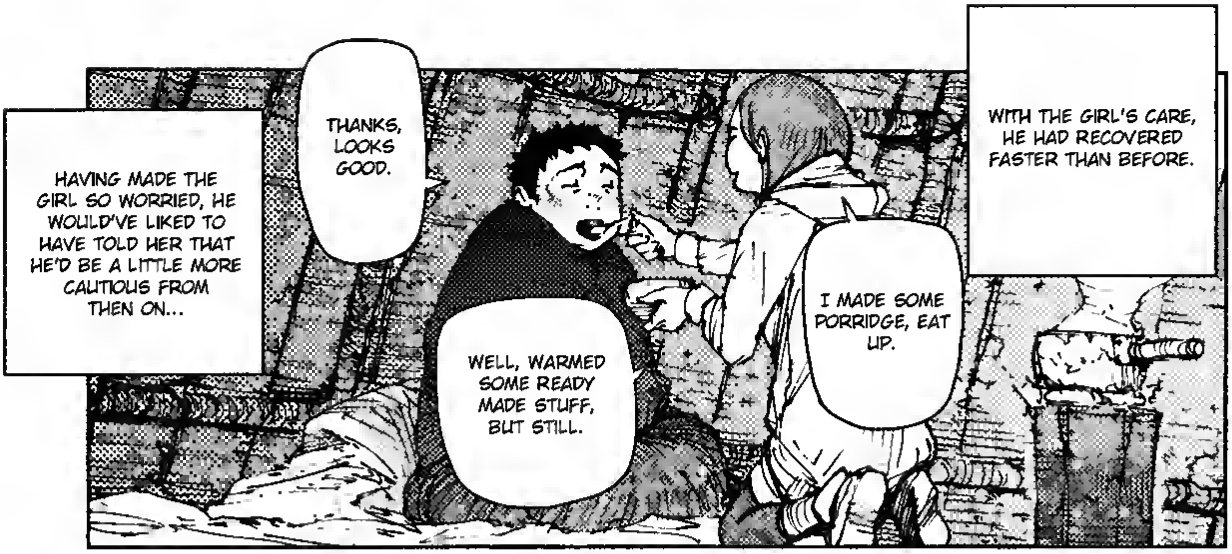
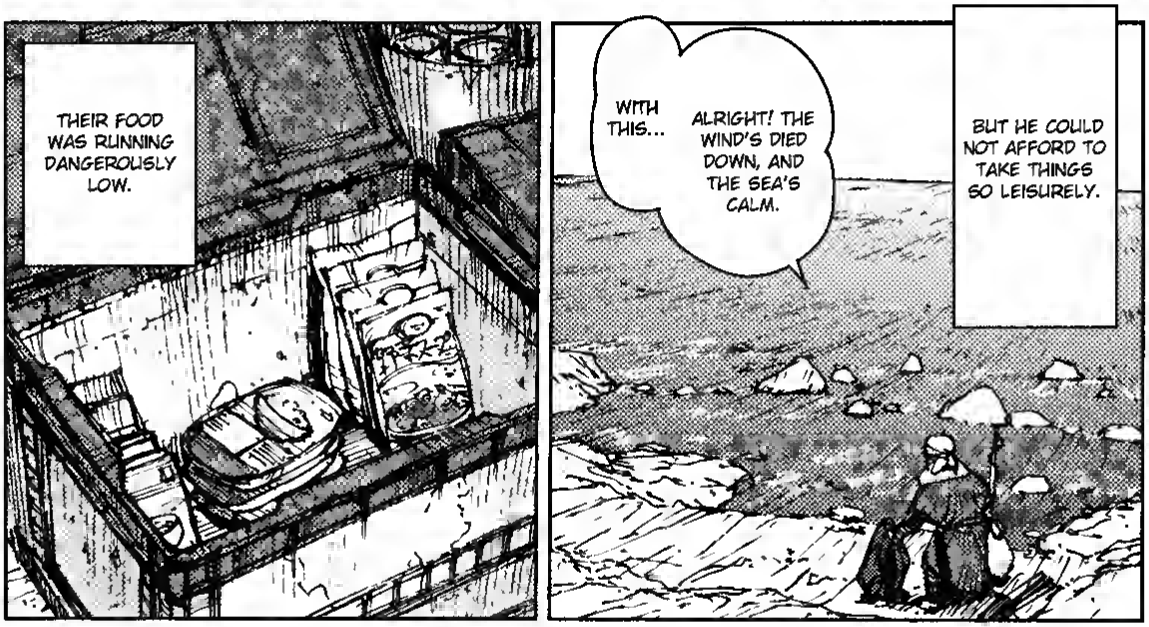
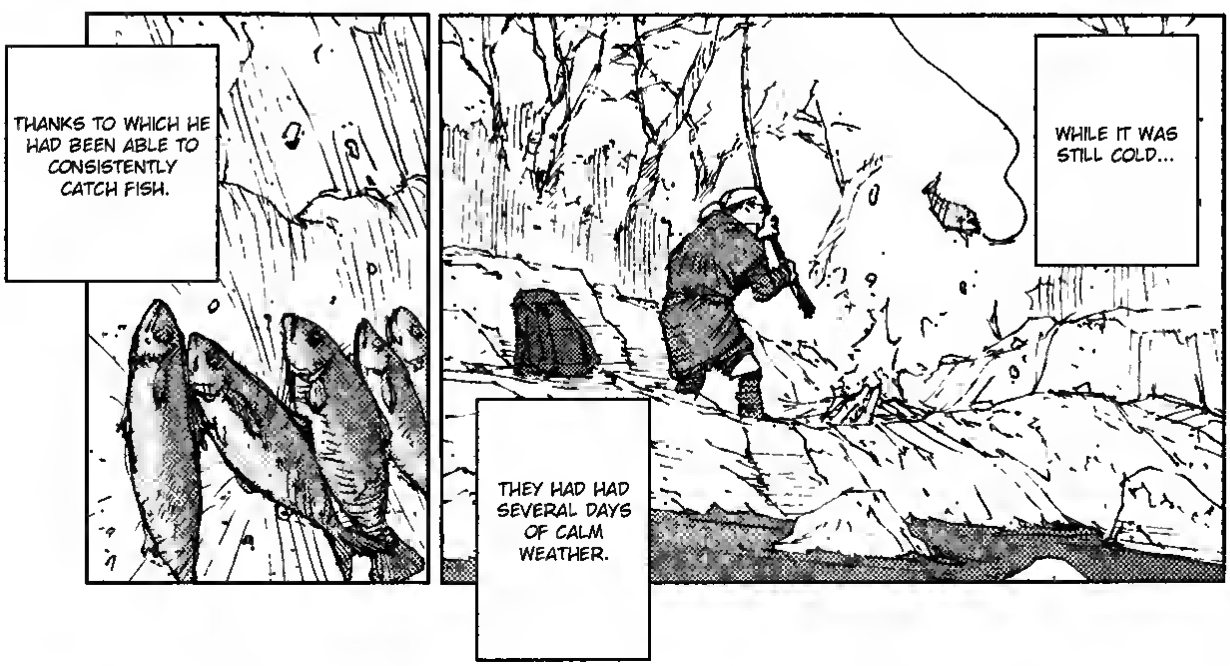
IT WAS TWO DAYS SINCE HIS OUTBREAK OF RATBITE FEVER...
AND THE BOY WAS OFF IN SEARCH OF FOOD.


HAVING MADE THE GIRL SO WORRIED, HE WOULD'VE LIKED TO HAVE TOLD HER THAT HE'D BE A LITTLE MORE CAUTIOUS FROM THEN ON...
THANKS, LOOKS GOOD.
WELL, WARMED SOME READY MADE STUFF, BUT STILL.
I MADE SOME PORRIDGE, EAT UP.
WITH THE GIRL'S CARE, HE HAD RECOVERED FASTER THAN BEFORE.


THEIR FOOD WAS RUNNING DANGEROUSLY LOW.
WITH THIS...
ALRIGHT! THE WIND'S DIED DOWN, AND THE SEA'S CALM.
BUT HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO TAKE THINGS SO LEISURELY.


THANKS TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO CONSISTENTLY CATCH FISH.
WHILE IT WAS STILL COLD...
THEY HAD HAD SEVERAL DAYS OF CALM WEATHER.

THE BOY WAS ADDING TO HIS TRAPS AND TOOLS, WITH THE HELP OF THE BOOK.
I GET IT NOW, YOU USE IT WHEN THE TIDE'S COME IN.
HE WAS UNABLE TO EASE OFF, LEST THE BAD WEATHER CONTINUE AGAIN.
WHILE IT WAS ENOUGH FOR TWO...
SO IT'S LIKE THAT...
IT'D BE GREAT IF THE TRAPS DID GET SOME STUFF...
BUT I SHOULD TRY AND SORT OUT SOME PRESERVED FOODS TOO.

MMM, IF I CAN GET MEAT... MEAT WOULD BE GOOD... DRIED MEAT...
THOUGH I COULD DO WITH SOME MORE HUNTING TOOLS TOO... AH WHAT TO DO....
WHAT'S THAT AKIKO-SAN...?
I'M BACK...
WELCOME HOME SATORU-KUN.
I BROUGHT BACK WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD COME IN USEFUL FOR US, LIKE FISHING TOOLS...
I HAD NOTHING TO DO...
SO WENT TO THE COAST AND FOUND SOME STUFF WHICH'D DRIFTED ASHORE.

DID IT DRIFT IN FROM A HARDWARE STORE?
STILL IN ITS PACKAGING TOO.
HM, BLUE SHEETING.
WE COULD USE IT TO HELP INSULATE THE HUTS.
WE COULD WEAR THEM BUT...
THERE'S CLOTHES TOO.
WELL? SEE ANYTHING USEFUL?
IF WE WERE TO PUT THEM TOGETHER, WE COULD USE THEM INSTEAD OF A FUTON.
WHY?
HEH?
I'M SORRY SATORU-KUN...
...
THAT'S...
THAT'S NOT TRUE AKIKO-SAN!
I'VE JUST BEEN A PAIN TO YOU...
I'VE NOT DONE ANYTHING SINCE COMING HERE...

TILL NOW YOU'D BEEN FINE BY YOURSELF, BUT HAVING TWO PEOPLE...
IS WHAT GOT YOU STIRRED UP...
BUT WASN'T THAT BECAUSE YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT FOOD?
I'D BE...
I MEAN IF YOU HADN'T COME TO SAVE ME, RIGHT NOW...
SO...
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W... WELL NOT QUITE...
SO I'M THE REASON FOR YOUR RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR.
I MIGHT ONLY BE ABLE TO GATHER STUFF LIKE THIS...
SO I WANT...
TO HELP YOU, EVEN IF ONLY A LITTLE...

SO WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT IF I TRIED TO REUSE SOME OF THIS STUFF?
AND HEY, I COULD TRY AND RECYCLE STUFF WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE SMALL BITS AND BOBS...
WELL SATORU-KUN?
REALLY? YAY!
SUPER GREAT INFACT!
I... IT'S GREAT AKIKO-SAN!
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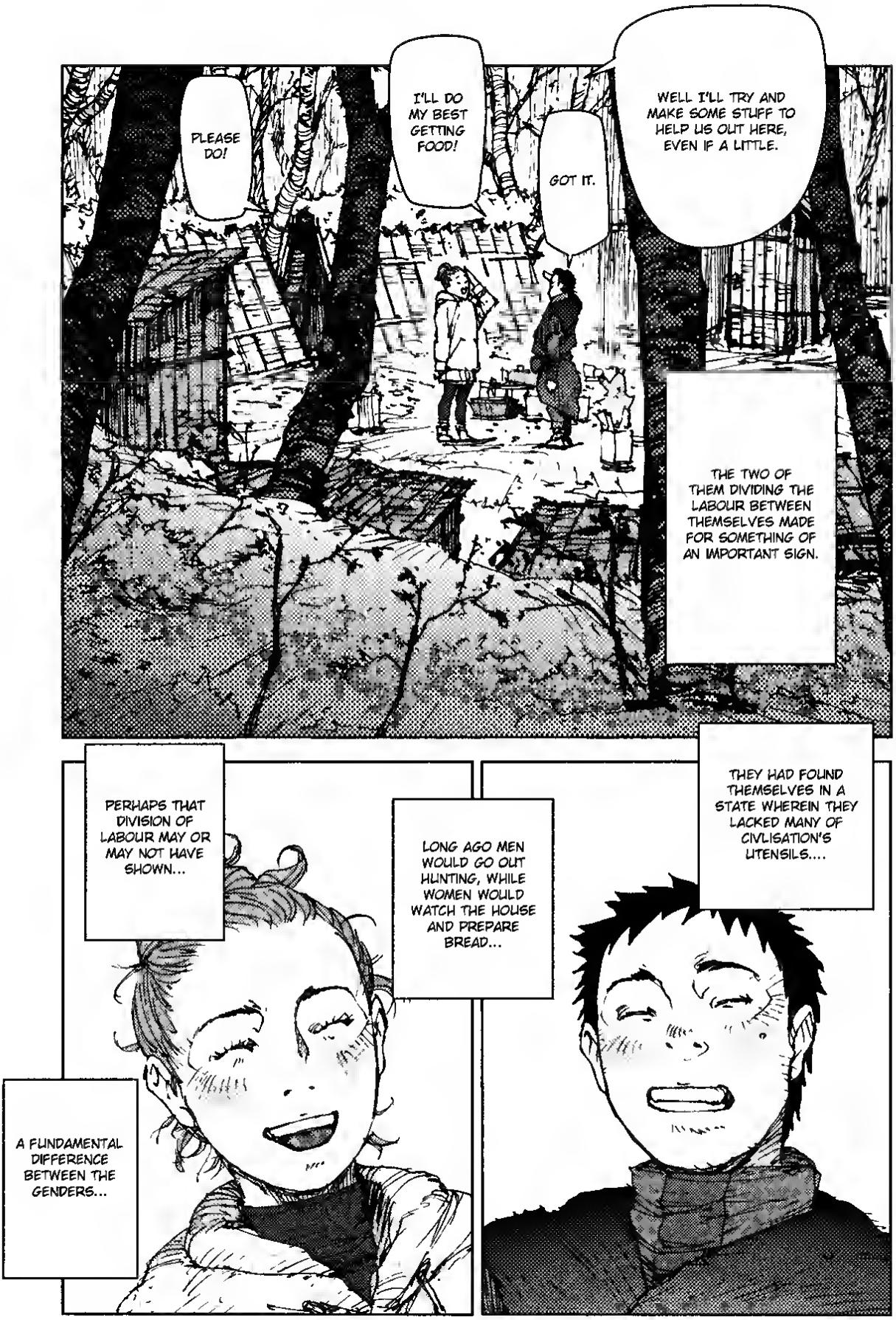
OOH?
NO GOOD?


PLEASE DO!
I'LL DO MY BEST GETTING FOOD!
GOT IT.
WELL I'LL TRY AND MAKE SOME STUFF TO HELP US OUT HERE, EVEN IF A LITTLE.
THE TWO OF THEM DIVIDING THE LABOUR BETWEEN THEMSELVES MADE FOR SOMETHING OF AN IMPORTANT SIGN.
PERHAPS THAT DIVISION OF LABOUR MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE SHOWN...
LONG AGO MEN WOULD GO OUT HUNTING, WHILE WOMEN WOULD WATCH THE HOUSE AND PREPARE BREAD...
THEY HAD FOUND THEMSELVES IN A STATE WHEREIN THEY LACKED MANY OF CIVLISATION'S UTENSILS....
A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GENDERS...